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Our student fellowship programs stand at the heart of the Center for Public Leadership's mission to develop principled, effective public leaders capable of solving the world's most pressing problems. Our student fellows hail from across the globe with wide-ranging backgrounds, bringing to CPL their expertise, motivation, and passion.

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Ka’Nedria Boldin

Ka’Nedria is an emerging policy leader focused on advancing racial equity, educational justice, and community empowerment. She is the founder of Youngins on the Rise, an initiative that connects marginalized youth with policymakers and promotes civic education in underserved communities. Her leadership in this area reflects a long-standing commitment to grassroots organizing and inclusive policymaking. Ka’Nedria has worked with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and the U.S. Department of Education, where she helped lead the national HBCU Student Leader Town Hall Series to elevate the voices of student leaders across the country. She has been nationally recognized as a White House Historical Association Next Gen Leader and an AT&T Rising Future Maker for her advocacy and public service. She currently serves as an equity fellow at the Center for Public Leadership, where she is being trained to become an influential leader through development in public speaking, community engagement, and strategic leadership. A proud graduate of Howard University, Ka’Nedria is now pursuing a Master in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School.



Brian Camp

Brian is a Master in Public Policy/Master in Business Administration joint degree student born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prior to Harvard Kennedy School, Brian studied economics at Morehouse College, a small private historically Black men’s liberal arts college in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon graduation, Brian joined Ernst & Young as a business consultant. Brian spent eight years working with banks, helping them develop capabilities to better manage risk within their organizations and navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscape. In addition to his project work, Brian was heavily involved in internal people-related initiatives. He served as the chapter lead of the company’s Charlotte Black Professional Network and as the senior program lead of the Consulting Internship Program. He created the Non-Financial Risk Management People Initiative, a team focused on enhancing the risk practices culture through programming and event planning. Brian plans to learn more about economic policy, social policy, and public leadership at HKS to get a deeper, nuanced understanding of how he can leverage his background in economics, passion for people, and interest in organizational leadership to make a positive impact in the world. When Brian is not working or studying, you can find him listening to podcasts on Black, political, or economic history, watching business and biographical documentaries, or listening to R&B music.



Kimberli Davila

Kim most recently served as a health and equity associate at the California Strategic Growth Council, where she designed a Racial Equity Resource Hub to support state agencies in implementing racial equity-focused policies. She also played a key role in advancing climate grant programs that emphasize community-driven solutions and capacity building. Born in Mexico and raised in East Los Angeles, Kim’s early experiences with environmental injustices—such as lead contamination in her neighborhood—deeply shaped her commitment to policymaking that centers community power and economic justice for under-resourced communities across California. Kim began her academic journey at Brown University, graduating as a first-generation college student. She was a Yale Law School Arthur Liman Undergraduate Public Interest Fellow and a Brown in D.C. Fellow. Passionate about mentoring first-generation students and women in public policy and service, she currently serves on the Brown Women’s Network Strategic Partnerships Committee. At Harvard, Kim is deepening her expertise in politics, social policy, economics, and leadership. She is an alumna of the Harvard Square to the Oval Office program, a fellow in Housing & Community Development at the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, and a scholarship recipient from the Center for Public Leadership.



Kishaya Ann Delaney

Kishaya is a pro bono solicitor at global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, where she supports pro bono clients in Australia to access free legal services and contributes to the firm’s charity advisory practice. As a proud Wiradjuri/First Nations woman, Kishaya is passionate about enhancing the participation of First Nations people in the legal and political system. Raised in rural Australia, Kishaya holds a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honors) and a Bachelor of Communication from the University of Newcastle (UK). Kishaya’s career has involved time in the corporate, legal, and nonprofit sectors. She previously led a team of researchers for the Towards Truth project, developing a legal database that maps the impact of laws and policies on Indigenous Australians since 1788 to support truth-telling efforts. Kishaya was an Uluru Youth Dialogue Ambassador for the 2023 Australian Constitutional Referendum on the First Nations Voice and was named First Nations Lawyer of the Year in 2023. She is currently pursuing a Master in Public Policy at HKS to strengthen her ability to address the complex challenges facing Indigenous communities.

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Adam Delgado

Adam is a first-generation graduate student at Harvard Kennedy School. He most recently served as a 2025 Bloomberg Harvard Summer Fellow in Aotearoa/New Zealand, where he worked with a city government to advance civic engagement and inclusive governance. Adam earned his bachelor's degree in politics from Whitman College and began his career across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. His work has centered on social impact, equity, and accessibility, with roles in research, strategy, and operations at Booz Allen Hamilton, the International Monetary Fund, Google, Meta, and Duolingo. At Meta, Adam supported the global launch of civic, health, equity, and responsible artificial intelligence products and policies across Instagram and Facebook. He also led one of the company's first research initiatives focused on the experiences of Latino communities in the United States and organized global hackathon teams that developed tools promoting Latino-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. His most recent research at Duolingo explored how adaptive learning tools and technologies can expand access and opportunity for English language learners worldwide. At HKS, Adam is interested in the intersection of technology policy, social entrepreneurship, and public service to advance the inclusion, representation, and participation of all communities in the development and governance of emerging technologies.



Jeo Angelo Elamparo

Jeo Angelo C. Elamparo is an accomplished legal professional and public policy expert with a career spanning law, public service, and academia. He holds a Master in Public Policy from Queen Mary University of London via the Chevening scholarship, where he graduated with honors, and a Juris Doctor from the University of the Philippines College of Law. Elamparo currently serves as director at the Senate of the Philippines, where he plays a crucial role in formulating national policies on finance and public services, including the passage of the 2025 Philippine national budget and the amendments to the Public Service Act. In addition to his legislative work, Elamparo is a professor at Manila Adventist College School of Law and Jurisprudence, teaching Public International Law and Gender and Gender Sensitivity and Laws on Women and Children's Rights. He is also a public policy associate and consultant at AHA! Behavioral Design, the Philippines' premier behavioral design agency, where he actively worked on policy projects, including securing funding for vaccine interventions and developing nutritional programs for pregnant women and children. Elamparo's dedication to public service is evident in his founding of Rule of Law PH, a nongovernmental organization promoting legal literacy. His previous roles include chief of staff at the Philippines' Department of Trade and Industry, legislative officer at the House of Representatives, and news reporter at ABS-CBN, the largest media conglomerate in the country.



Gustavo Faundez

Gustavo comes from Chile. While obtaining his bachelor's in economics, Gustavo co-founded "Sembrando un Sueño," a nonprofit organization (NGO) that improves the lives of over 3,000 students from disadvantaged backgrounds by expanding access to high-quality higher education programs. Prior to entering Harvard Kennedy School, Gustavo served as president of the board. After graduating with his master's in applied economics, he participated in the planning and implementation of higher education admissions policies at the Ministry of Education. This included multiple administrations of the nationwide standardized test, new mathematics tests, changing the scoring methodology, and introducing new quotas for women in STEM programs. Gustavo achieved this mainly through coordination with the admission departments of universities and chancellors. Gustavo also has a great interest in academic work, serving as a research assistant in an investigation about an affirmative action policy for college admissions in Chile. After graduation, he plans to lead high-impact policies in the government, head an NGO focused on intergenerational mobility, or work for one that fights inequality in poor or developing countries. In these roles, Gustavo hopes to transform people's lives by implementing evidence-based innovative programs with the highest sense of responsibility and academic rigor.



Michelle Fausto

Michelle is a passionate food and economic justice advocate with experience in local, regional, and federal community-centered program initiatives. As a first-generation college graduate and daughter of Mexican immigrants, she uses her lived experiences with poverty and food insecurity to inform her work. This is evident in her most recent role as a senior program associate for the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, where she led healthy retail initiatives for minority-owned small businesses and co-created economic development programs to increase good jobs and stimulate the local economy in under-resourced areas of Los Angeles. Michelle graduated cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles with a BA in Political Science and Labor Studies. She is also a member of the 28th class of the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship. At Harvard Kennedy School, Michelle looks forward to pursuing concentrated studies in social and urban policy to support her long-term goal of creating pathways for inclusive economic opportunity in historically disinvested urban neighborhoods.

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Sebastian Fernandez

Sebastian worked most recently at the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans, where he provided legal research services for the public in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. He was particularly involved in serving the state's rapidly growing Latino population through the Court's Office of Language Access and as a volunteer English as a second language teacher. At Harvard, Sebastian discovered his passion for city government. Through his involvement with Harvard's Taubman Center for State and Local Government and the Bloomberg Center for Cities, he has completed fellowships with the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, and the City of Charleston, South Carolina. After graduating, he plans to continue advancing equitable city leadership in a Latino community, working to strengthen local trust and access to public services. In the long term, he aspires to serve as a city attorney and represent the public interest. Sebastian is originally from Atlanta, Georgia, and has previously worked with the Southern Regional Education Board and United Way of Greater Atlanta. In 2022, Sebastian graduated with a BA in English from Cornell University, where he held leadership positions as editor of the Cornell Business Review and executive board member of the Cornell Media Guild.



David Gayle

David is a Policy Adviser at the Bank of England, where he leads analytical thinking on the bank's response to climate change and nature loss. David's academic journey began at University College London, where he graduated with First Class Honors in Greek and Latin. Recognizing his potential, the bank sponsored his pursuit of a Master in Environmental Policy at the University of Cambridge in 2020, which facilitated his transition to environmental economics. Since returning to the bank from Cambridge, David has dedicated himself to addressing climate-related risks to the UK economy and leading impactful projects on racial equity. David won the Governor's award for his work on the Bank of England's links to transatlantic slavery and was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Bank of England Ethnic Minorities Network in 2021. David served as an adviser to the Cambridge University Black Alumni Network in 2021-22. At Harvard, David aims to strengthen his expertise in public economics, equity, and politics, preparing himself for influential policy leadership roles on the global stage. David holds scholarships from the Kennedy Memorial Trust and the Center for Public Leadership.



Cesar Hernandez

Cesar is a public affairs strategist, entrepreneur, and first-generation American of Indigenous Mayan descent committed to advancing equity and innovation through public leadership. He is the founder and CEO of Omni Public, a consulting firm that operates at the intersection of emerging technologies, policy, and community impact. At Omni Public, Cesar has led national strategy efforts for companies such as Tesla, Uber, and Hyperloop Transportation Technologies. Raised in Brooklyn, New York, and shaped by the values of his Mayan heritage, Cesar began his academic and civic journey at the University of South Florida, where he earned undergraduate degrees in biomedical sciences and political science, with a concentration in economics. He served as student body president, a role that sparked his passion for systems change, public service, and representation. Early in his career, the Tampa Bay Times recognized him as one of the region's "bright young political minds," highlighting his influence on local government and policy.

Cesar later earned his MBA from the University of Oxford, focusing on global markets, entrepreneurship, and innovation strategy. He secured over US\$60 million for transportation and technology initiatives in the Tampa Bay region. He led the development of the first policy and feasibility studies for advanced mobility systems, including vertical takeoff and landing vehicles, Hyperloop technology, and autonomous systems. He also founded a congressionally backed Latin tech accelerator focused on scaling ventures in blockchain, fintech, and artificial intelligence. His leadership and advocacy earned him recognition from Forbes for "Leading the Charge for More Diverse Business Ecosystems." In 2024, he launched Omni X, a technology initiative focused on interoperable AI, drone, and robotics systems for emergency response, mobility, and defense. He is also the founder of the Omni Foundation, which provides first-generation students with global academic opportunities, including fellowships to study at the University of Oxford. At Harvard Kennedy School, Cesar is deepening his expertise in innovation policy, economic development, and systems-level governance to better serve underserved communities across the Americas. Cesar aims to lead global efforts at the intersection of technology, equity, and governance, designing the public infrastructure of the future with inclusion at its core.

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Lezlie Hilario

Lezlie is an incoming Master in Public Policy candidate at Harvard Kennedy School. She graduated summa cum laude from Villanova University in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Lezlie has gained hands-on policy experience at the federal and state levels, having interned on Capitol Hill with U.S. Representative Raúl Grijalva and in New Jersey with U.S. Senator Cory Booker. She is an alumna of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and was named a 2024 Harry S. Truman Scholar, representing the state of New Jersey—one of the nation’s highest honors for aspiring public service leaders. Passionate about strengthening democracy and promoting equity, Lezlie is committed to expanding voting access for historically marginalized communities, particularly communities of color and low-income populations.



Bernard Ho

Bernard is a Canadian emergency and family physician with experience working in tertiary academic centers as well as rural and remote areas across the country. His clinical work emphasizes how socioeconomic factors such as income level, race, and education directly influence health and well-being. He is interested in the role of public administration as a tool to protect and optimize the health of all individuals, particularly those made structurally vulnerable. As a frontline physician, Bernard sees the downstream consequences of these stark inequities on a daily basis, which fuels his passion for health advocacy and equitable public policy. He has joined several national advocacy organizations, including the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians and Canadian Doctors for Medicare, where he serves as the executive vice chair. At Harvard Kennedy School, Bernard aims to strengthen his skills in persuasive negotiation, policy writing, and public speaking to prepare himself for a political career. Bernard holds a scholarship from the Center of Public Leadership as an equity fellow.



Danno Lemu

Danno is a Harvard MBA/MPP candidate with a focus in real estate and economic development.



Ivan Melchor

Ivan most recently served as a Data Products management fellow for the New York City Mayor’s Office of Economic Opportunity, where he helped make the city’s data more accessible and actionable, supporting the office’s data products. As a fellow, he helped manage EquityNYC, a tool that describes the state of racial and social equity in the city. In addition, he contributed to the development of a digital tool to visualize the NYCgov poverty measure, illustrating how poverty affects different groups and how benefit programs impact poverty in New York City. He is originally from North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in history. Upon graduation, he served as an advocate with the North Carolina Migrant Education Program, connecting migrant farmworkers to essential education and health services. He later worked with Pisgah Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid organization, providing legal advocacy services to low-income and immigrant communities in Western North Carolina. At Harvard, Ivan aims to strengthen his expertise in social policy and civic technology to lead future policy initiatives that connect communities to social safety net programs.

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Louise Cristal Missome Engohang

Louise's academic journey began at Eastern Michigan University (EMU), where she graduated in 2025 with university honors, departmental honors, and highest honors in political science and philosophy. During her time at EMU, she was selected as a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow through the Junior Summer Institute at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy. She also served as a peer mentor in TRIO, a federally funded program supporting first-generation, low-income, and disabled students, and became deeply engaged in expanding civic participation through local and state government initiatives. A five-time nationally recognized speech and debate competitor, Louise has long used public speaking as a tool for policy advocacy. She helped establish the nonprofit, EKAZA: Bridging the Gap, which supports underrepresented youth in urban areas in accessing higher education and pursuing careers in STEM. She most recently served as a research fellow with the Action Lab: Transcendent Futures, where she supported the Black Migrant Power Fund, a philanthropic initiative aimed at resourcing grassroots organizations that serve Black migrant communities across the United States. In this role, Louise created and curated a national database of nonprofit organizations dedicated to Black migrant and refugee populations. She also conducted a comprehensive analysis of philanthropic funding trends, helping to identify funding gaps and inform the equitable allocation of resources to frontline organizations. At Harvard Kennedy School, where she is pursuing her Master in Public Policy as a CPL Equity Fellow, Louise aims to deepen her expertise in urban policy, racial justice, and immigration. Her long-term goal is to advance inclusive, equity-centered policy solutions that uplift historically marginalized communities and create lasting public impact.



Maleni Palacios

Maleni is a determined champion of socioeconomic mobility, committed to ensuring all Americans have the opportunity to move upward and fully participate in society. Her career spans Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, and social ventures, where she has delivered high-stakes strategies that navigate complex regulatory and economic environments while strengthening institutions. In the financial sector, Maleni has served as a trusted adviser to banking executives, leading initiatives that reimagine how institutions engage with and support the communities they serve. Currently a Master in Public Policy candidate at Harvard Kennedy School and an Equity Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership, she also holds an MBA from Columbia Business School. Maleni is focused on bridging the public-private divide. She envisions a career forging cross-sector partnerships that deliver tangible results—expanding access to education, economic opportunity, public infrastructure, and community safety. Through this work, her goal is to help build a society where socioeconomic mobility is not a privilege for the few but a standard for all, including those historically excluded from it.



Zara Porter

Zara is a former research analyst at the Urban Institute, a research-to-impact institution. At the Urban Institute, her research portfolio focused on maternal health, reproductive health, and equitable access to health care. While there, Zara's work centered on community-engaged research methods, where she led interviews and focus groups and contributed to multiple publications. She has presented her work at several national conferences, including the Association for Public Policy and Management and AcademyHealth. In addition, Zara served as co-chair of the Health Policy Division's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council. Her passion lies in understanding how policies and practices promote equitable health outcomes for marginalized populations, and she plans to delve deeper into the impact of the social determinants of health while pursuing her Master in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School. Zara graduated from Duke University in 2021 with a BA in Public Policy, a minor in global health, and a certificate in human rights.

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Ravikash Rajnil Prasad

Ravik is a United Nations (UN) professional from Fiji with extensive experience in environmental justice. He has provided oversight to the resilience and sustainable development portfolios of more than US\$200 million with the UN Development Programme, UNICEF, UN Volunteers, and UN Women. Ravik is passionate about equity at the triple nexus of humanitarian assistance, development, and peacebuilding, motivating him to serve the UN in more than 20 countries, including South Sudan and Kiribati. Ravik completed an MPhil in Conservation Leadership from the University of Cambridge, after which he led the University of Cambridge Conservation Leadership Alumni Network. He won the University of Cambridge Robert Sansom Grant of US\$32,000, which allowed him to co-found the Global Green Recovery Collaborative. He led the field team of the World Mosquito Program, which Fast Company has recognized as the third most innovative nonprofit company in the world for its natural and environmentally friendly Wolbachia method of controlling the Dengue, Zika, and Chikungunya viruses. He has also worked with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany and EarthCorps in the United States. At Harvard, Ravik aims to apply his motivation and experience to advance corporate sustainability and equity while advancing his skills in negotiation, crisis communication, public finance and innovation. As a Fijian, he loves Sevens Rugby.



Bryanna Ruiz

Bryanna most recently served as a financial and program analyst for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), where she helped propose a rule that would amend regulations originally issued in 2013 regarding the responsibilities of mortgage servicers. The proposed amendments would streamline existing requirements when borrowers seek payment assistance in times of distress, add safeguards when borrowers seek help, and revise existing requirements with respect to borrower assistance. Concurrently, she supported the CFPB's market monitoring responsibilities by co-authoring the CFPB Data Spotlight, "Trends in discount points amid rising interest rates," to assess potential risks to consumers. Bryanna is passionate about consumer financial protection and financial education for improving access to credit for underserved communities. She graduated from UCLA in 2022 with a BA in Political Science and Public Affairs.



Imani Sanchez

Imani recently completed an internship with Alachua County's Office of Growth Management in Florida, where she contributed to the Forward Focus Initiative, a strategic development project designed to address economic and community needs in underdeveloped areas of the county. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida, earning a BA in Political Science and International Studies. She's a proud alum of the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, completing the program at Carnegie Mellon University in the summer of 2024. As a Bob Graham Fellow and former executive director of the Hispanic-Latine Student Association's Office of Political Affairs, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and civic engagement. Her experience includes an internship at the U.S. Department of State in the executive office of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, where she gained critical insights into the operational aspects of U.S. foreign policy. She also interned with the Bailey Learning and Arts Collective, a Gainesville-based nonprofit focused on community empowerment through education and the arts. Driven by her Dominican and Jamaican heritage, Imani is pursuing a Master in Public Policy and hopes to bridge local and global perspectives to shape more inclusive, effective policy solutions.



Diego Felipe Suárez Cadena

Diego is passionate about public policies related to families and children. He most recently served in the Colombian Senate as the chief economic adviser to Senator and presidential candidate Paloma Valencia Laserna. He was the lead adviser on the "Government with Moms" law, which ensures mothers in vulnerable situations have access to state programs; the "Ladder to Formality" law, which aims to formalize more than 5.8 million microenterprises in the informal sector; and the "Quiero a los cafeteros" law, which improves the conditions of small coffee farmers in Colombia.

Currently, he is one of the authors of the "School Vouchers" bill, which seeks to break the cycle of poverty for poor children in the country, and the "Health Statute" bill, which aims to protect Colombia's mixed health care system. Diego is a youth leader within the political party Centro Democrático, a recipient of the Frederic Bastiat Fellowship, and a winner of the Equity Fellowship from Harvard Kennedy School. Diego holds a degree in economics from EAN University in Colombia. He was also awarded the Pacific Alliance Scholarship, which allowed him to study abroad at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He was a Colfuturo fellow, through which he earned a Master in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics. Among his academic achievements, Diego served as his university's representative to the National Federation of Economists, placed

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second in the national interuniversity economics competition, and received scholarships for his role as a teaching assistant in “Microeconomic Analysis,” “Sectoral and Market Analysis,” and “Econometrics.” He was also a member of the Hayek Society at LSE, the London Neoliberals, and a student at the CATO Institute. At Harvard, Diego seeks to explore which public policies can reduce inequality in the education sector for young people attending public schools, and how to support mothers who are heads of households, who represent over 30% of the population in developing countries.



Nimita Uberoi

Nimita most recently served as an independent climate strategy consultant, advising organizations whose work spans clean energy, carbon removal, and climate finance. Previously, Nimita served as senior adviser for Climate Implementation at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she led efforts to implement the Inflation Reduction Act’s US\$270 billion in clean energy tax credits by coordinating cross-functional teams and developing comprehensive guidance that increased tax credit applications from underserved communities by 40%. Before that, she directed President Joe Biden’s international environment portfolio as policy director for Energy and Climate Change at the National Security Council, orchestrating a US\$9 billion global forest conservation plan that became instrumental to the United States’ COP26 agenda and resulting executive order. Her earlier experience includes serving as chief of staff at the Obama Foundation, where she advised on governance strategy for the US\$700 million Barack Obama Presidential Center and also created global leadership programs across Africa, Asia Pacific, and Europe. Nimita is passionate about making transformative climate policy accessible to the communities it aims to serve, bridging the gap between policy design and real-world implementation. She graduated from Brown University in 2015 with a BA in Environmental Studies with honors, where she was a Division I tennis player and founded the Sikh Students Association. Post-HKS, Nimita aims to lead international climate initiatives at organizations like the UN or World Bank, leveraging rigorous analytical training to shape sustainable environmental policy globally.



Andrés Vargas

State Representative Andy X. Vargas represents the 3rd Essex District (Haverhill) in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He serves as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses. He also serves as the Chair of the MA Black & Latino Caucus. Rep. Vargas was previously elected to the Haverhill City Council, where he served as the city’s first Latino elected official. He grew up in Haverhill and his family origins are from the Dominican Republic. He is a proud graduate of Haverhill High and Boston University. Rep. Vargas is also an alumnus of the Obama White House and previously worked for Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll), helping entrepreneurs start their businesses. Some of his legislation successfully signed into law include mandating civics education, boosting housing production, universal school meals, and the expansion of access to the lifesaving drug, Naloxone. He resides in Haverhill with his wife Rikelma—an educator and unfortunately a Yankees fan. They are parents to two happy boys, Rubén and Henry, and an energetic Goldendoodle named Merengue.



Coleman Gregg Vivian

Coleman served as an active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force for 11 years, recently separating as a major. He received his commission in 2014 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a BS in Political Science. Over the next decade, he deployed five times supporting disaster relief, counterterrorism, and counternarcotic operations; trained partner nation militaries in Central America and Southeast Asia; and advised senior Department of Defense leadership on security interests across Latin America and the Caribbean. Coleman’s interest in public service extends beyond national defense. He currently serves as the Board Chair of the C.T. Vivian Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to social justice initiatives centered around education, literacy, and the preservation of Black literature and history. While at Harvard, he hopes to deepen his understanding of nonprofit management and the public policy process to aid his goal of dismantling structural barriers to quality education for the Black community.

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Thierry Watrin

Thierry leads the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa’s Sustainable Debt Coalition, reframing debt as an engine for resilient growth, bolstering more than 20 governments. Previously, he served the government of Rwanda as chief adviser to the Minister of Finance, spearheading mission-driven reforms, introducing green gross domestic product metrics, and negotiating landmark climate-finance deals that positioned Rwanda as a global model. Notably, he presented the “Beyond GDP” initiative to the UN General Assembly to reimagine how development is measured. Beyond his professional roles, Thierry is passionate about teaching. He lectures on climate diplomacy at Sciences Po Paris, empowering future leaders and policymakers.